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## TOWN BOARDS REORGANIZE

New Chairmen Elected at Meetings Held This Week. Associates Make Recognition of Valuable Work of Retiring Officers.

The Board of Selectmen, Board of Public Works and School committee have reorganized at meetings held this week, the two latter boards with new chairmen. Roy H. Bradford was chosen chairman of the school board succeeding Dr. Conroy who was not a candidate for re-election and Thomas E. Rhodes was elected chairman of the Board of Public Works to take the place of Barnett Rogers.

Dr. Conroy is serving his ninth year as a member of the school committee, two of which he has acted as chairman. Upon the motion of Dr. Stearns it was voted to spread upon the records an appreciation of Dr. Conroy's valuable services as a conscientious member of the board mentioning his impartiality and fairness as a presiding officer.

Some changes were necessary in the sub-committees because of the change in personnel of the committee, W. Dudley Yates and Douglas Crawford being new members.

The following appointments were made: Finance and advisory, R. H. Bradford, David R. Lawson, W. D. Yates.

Teachers, Mrs. E. V. French, Fred E. Cheever, Douglas Crawford.

Building, grounds and equipment, Dr. E. C. Conroy, E. C. Hilton and David R. Lawson.

The committee voted to accept the offer of the state to make suggestions as to the laying out of school grounds, a new department having taken up the work of assisting local school boards in the matter of getting best results as to the arrangements and attractiveness of the school surroundings.

The trimming and repairing of the trees on the school grounds was also considered. The policy of transporting the pupils of the North, Bailey and Osgood districts to some central point such as West center or Shawheen Village where they might receive instruction in a grade school was discussed. No definite action was taken, but the subject will be considered further.

The Shawheen Village school question was taken up, and the chairman was instructed to get in touch with the selectmen with a view to carrying out the vote of the town at the annual meeting. The various

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## OVERSEERS' BANQUET

Program in Both Serious and Lighter Vein Follows Semi-annual Dinner of Smith & Dove Overseers.

The semi-annual banquet of the Smith & Dove overseers club was held last night at the Hillside House, forty-five members and their guests being present to enjoy the dinner prepared under the direction of Miss Maude E. Brown, matron of Hillside House.

The dinner was up to the standard established at similar feasts in the past history of the association and the members were proportionately appreciative.

The committee was an experienced one and maintained its reputation for providing a splendid entertainment after the dinner. Songs were sung by Harry Bland, George Haddon and recitation was given by Thomas A. David "Watt and Meg."

The regular entertainers were very well received, Henry Fairweather in Lander songs and Harry Lister in humorous songs and recitations and Mrs. Marion Pearson Atherton in several solos. Mrs. Lois Beverly played a concert program during the banquet and accompanied the singers.

Edgar Folk, Industrial Secretary at the Lawrence V. M. C. A., was the guest of honor. He spoke on the industrial problems in this industrial crisis, of the present day cooperation between employer and employee and stated that now is the time for every man to think how he may improve conditions around him. Never was there a time in the industrial world when thinking men were needed more. He paid a tribute to the Smith & Dove Company and the association on the way they work together thus emphasizing the human relationship so essential for a successful concern.

Henry A. Bodwell, treasurer of the company, spoke briefly but with characteristic directness. Lewis P. Coates the new president of the Club was toastmaster and carried the after-dinner speaking and entertainment along smoothly.

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## LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Don't forget the Andover-Essex concert of the combined musical clubs to be given in the town hall Saturday evening.

The fire department was called to box 44 at the corner of School and Locke streets last evening at 11:46 by a false alarm.

A baked bean supper will be held Saturday evening under the auspices of Indian Ridge Rebeekah lodge in Garfield hall between the hours of five and seven.

Those wishing the dormant spray of lime and sulphur for trees and shrubs affected by the San Jose Scale should notify the moth superintendent, Edward H. Berry at once.

The regular meeting of Indian Ridge Rebeekah lodge will be held Monday evening March 20, in Odd Fellows hall. An entertainment will be furnished by the Odd Fellows after the business meeting.

Elmer Philbrick, for the last few years night watchman and special policeman in the Shawheen mills, has accepted a position as janitor of the chapel at Phillips academy. Mr. Philbrick takes Gilbert Moore's place. Mr. Morse has resigned to go to live on a farm in West Newbury.

James Draper of Wayland, a recent graduate of Bowdoin College, has this week assumed the duties of history teacher at the Stowe school. He will teach until the end of the school year taking the place of Mrs. Annie Wyman who was unable to return this term because of illness.

The dress rehearsal of the two plays, "The Fairy Poodle" and "The Silver Lining" will be given before the November club on Monday will be held this evening at the clubhouse at eight o'clock. Any person desiring to attend the dress rehearsal may do so. Admission twenty-five cents.

The sewing department of the Woman's Union of the South church will hold an all-day sewing meeting in the vestry Thursday, March 23. All women of the parish are invited to be present and assist with the sewing. Those desiring a noon-day lunch should notify Mrs. George Hussey.

Following Nature's Trail

A trip through woods and fields enjoying much that is beautiful and interesting in nature may be experienced with a minimum of physical effort by those who attend the illustrated lecture to be given by Manley Bacon Townsend in the town hall next Tuesday evening. Mr. Townsend comes to Andover under the auspices of the Andover Natural History society but the lecture is open to the public, a small admission fee is being charged.

The old told under the doorstep, the wonderful geometric design of the spider's web, the beautiful mourning cloak butterfly, cicada and luna moths, various ferns, mushrooms, many of our birds, insects and flowers, and the wonders of both summer and winter woods will be shown upon the screen.

A. V. I. S. Resolves Bequest

By the will of the late Samuel D. Stevens of North Andover, who died on February 21, the Andover Village Improvement Society is to receive a bequest of \$500.

Other public bequests made by Mr. Stevens are \$500 to the North Parish church of North Andover, \$500 to the North Andover Historical society, \$1000 to the North Andover Improvement society and \$1000 to the Lawrence General hospital.

Legion Auxiliary Entertains World War Veterans

Members of the Woman's Auxiliary to Andover Post, No. 8, American Legion, visited the state hospital at Hathorne Sunday afternoon and provided entertainment for the forty veterans of the World War who are patients there.

A musical program was rendered by an orchestra comprising Dr. A. E. Hulme, cornet and leader; Charles W. Gillard, violin; Miss Helen Eaton, cello; and Mrs. John C. Angus, piano.

Miss Belle Bowman delighted the "boys" with her sweet singing of "Thank God for Garden," "Till for Tat," "A Melody" and "I'm So Busy." Mrs. John C. Angus was accompanist.

A social hour was spent with the soldiers and they received a generous supply of cigarettes, candy and fruit and thanked the Andover Auxiliary for the excellent treat given them.

Those who were in the delegation were Mrs. James Holden, Mrs. Freeman Abbott, Mrs. Joshua Hilton, Mrs. Jacob Rose, Mrs. Elmer Davis, Mrs. Thaxter A. Eaton, Mrs. Bartlett H. Hayes, president of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Fred G. Cheney, and Mrs. A. V. Kidder who had charge of the entertainment.

Bartlett H. Hayes, Fred E. Cheever and Thaxter A. Eaton, of Andover Post, 8, were also present.

## LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Coming Events

SATURDAY

3:00 p. m. Jordan gymnasium. Basketball. Andover vs. Essex.

4:00 p. m. Town hall. Concert by Andover-Essex combined musical clubs.

TUESDAY

8:00 p. m. Punched hall. Illustrated lecture, "Following Nature's Trail" by Manley Bacon Townsend.

The Knights of Pythias will hold a roll call and supper for members on March 21.

Mrs. Mattie Burdett of Chicago, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. William Crowe of Walnut street.

Marshall Stevens of Lynn, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Percy H. Crosby of Bartlett street.

The local lodge, Knights of Pythias will hold a roll call and supper for the members at Garfield hall on March 21.

The Andover Club and the Legion will hold a tournament in the former's rooms on Thursday evening, March 23.

A business meeting of the A. P. C. sorority of the South church will be held in the church vestry Thursday evening, March 23.

The Alpha chapter of the Alpha Phi Chi sorority met Monday night in the Free church parish house. Routine business was transacted and refreshments served.

Rev. Howard C. Robbins, D.D., Dean of the cathedral of St. John the Divine of New York City, will be the preacher at the morning service at the Phillips academy chapel on Sunday.

Miss Alice Hinton left town on Saturday to make her home in Westford where she has purchased Meadowbrook farm near Long-sought-for pond. Miss Hinton expects to go into the poultry business.

Ladies' night at the South church Men's club has been postponed from March 24 to Thursday, April 6. All plans have not yet been completed but a fine program of entertainment is being arranged.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Free church meet this afternoon in the parish house. A St. Patrick's supper will be served at 6:30 followed by an entertainment at eight by the K. B. K. fraternity.

Leo Driscoll who was injured in a runaway last week is in a private hospital in Boston. Mr. Driscoll sustained two bad breaks of his right arm and splintered bones at the elbow and wrist necessitated an operation for their removal which was performed Tuesday forenoon.

## LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Shoe Business Coming to Andover

The lot of land fronting on Essex street opposite the postoffice, for many years the site of the Hardy & Cole mill and Donovan's paint shop and more recently owned by George Smith of the Smith & Dove Manufacturing Company has again changed hands the first of this month and will soon be the scene of industrial and business activity. The purchasers are John Dagdigan of Chandler road and Bagshaw Oronian of Lowell street.

The property comprises about 50,000 square feet of land with a barn and open sheds and a shop formerly used for storing lumber situated on Pearson street. This latter building is now being altered and enlarged in order to accommodate the plant of the Veiva Shoe Manufacturing Company, now doing business at 620 Essex street, Lawrence. This concern makes turned comfort shoes in which it does a mail-order business. The officers of the corporation are James Elliot of Haverhill, president; Clarence Alquist of Lynn, secretary; Leon Dagdigan of West Andover, treasurer.

It is expected that in the course of time a building for stores will be built on the Essex street frontage.

Whooping Cough Notice

Any mother or guardian having whooping cough in their house must report it to the Board of Health. All persons having whooping cough must keep out of public places and off the streets, any child living in the same house where there is a case, if this individual has not had the disease, must not go to school.

ANDOVER BOARD OF HEALTH

K. of C. and A. O. H. hold Irish Night

An Irish night was held last evening in the town hall under the auspices of Andover Council No. 1078, K. of C. and A. O. H. Essex County Division 6. The program consisted of selections by Dwyer's orchestra songs by Miss Annie Winters, Miss Mary McCarthy and John Lynch and a recitation by James Flannery. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of St. Augustine's church.

The committee in charge consisted of Patrick Brady, John Kelly, Philip Pasho, Thomas Darby, James Flannery, Malachi Lynch and Timothy Madden from the A. O. H. and P. S. McDonald, John J. Kelley, John Traynor, M. McCarter, William Tammany and John Pickles from the Knights of Columbus.

## LENGTHY TOWN MEETING

Large Appropriations Considered at Two Sessions Mean an Increased Tax Rate. Main Street to be Rebuilt.

In deliberations lasting nearly seven hours, held in afternoon and evening sessions on Monday of this week, the voters of Andover took favorable action on the articles in the Warrant providing for a broad policy in road building, a new home for the poor of the town and the dividing of the town into four voting precincts. The report of the War Memorial committee and that of the committees on representative town government were accepted and the same committees were continued for another year. The decision was against a permanent fire chief, and arrangements were made for call firemen who not only sleep but work in Andover.

The question of appropriations for Andover's highways was discussed at length resulting in the acceptance of the plans of the State Department for the reconstruction of Main street from Chapel avenue to Andover square at a cost of \$100,000, the appropriation of \$15,000 for road building in Shawheen, \$15,000 for other construction and \$15,000 for maintenance.

Ten thousand dollars was voted to be added to the \$30,000 already in hand to build a home for the poor of the town at the south end of Carmel woods.

No change will be made in the present administration of the fire department, a board of three engineers being retained. The fact that many of the call firemen work out of town and do not respond to fire alarms was well aired resulting in a vote that only men should be employed who expect to be in Andover at least twenty hours of the twenty-four. The pay of call men in Andover and Ballardvale will be the same, namely, \$125 for each and not \$150 for Andover men and \$75 for Ballardvale men as formerly.

The police department was given the \$11,000 appropriation asked for but it was the sentiment of the meeting that the extra \$2000 asked for should be used for an extra traffic officer and allowing the police officers one day off in ten rather than for a new truck as was planned by the finance committee.

Action on the proposed plan of connecting the sewage system of Andover with the Merrimack, with its appropriation of \$200,000 was postponed because of delay in receiving necessary information and recommendations from the State Board of Health.

A sum of \$287,000 must be raised to meet the town expenses for the ensuing year plus the state and county tax. From this sum may be subtracted the amount received from the income tax.

The Meeting

Moderator: As you all know our procedure in town meeting this year was changed by the vote of the town at last meeting, so instead of holding election and transacting business on the same day, the elections were held one day and the town business transacted later. I will first read the result of action under Article I:

The results of the election were published last week.

Before proceeding to Article 2 of the warrant, I think I should certainly fall in expressing my own feelings and probably those of all of you, if I didn't ask you to stop one minute out of respect to the memory of our very good friend and very good adviser who died recently, George H. Poor. I can say nothing in the way of eulogy which will add anything to the reputation he had achieved and to the good deeds that he did in this town. I feel that it would be proper at this town meeting over which he presided for so many years with wisdom and firmness and commonsense and moderation as Moderator to give some expression of our feelings and I await any action.

Hon. John N. Cole: Mr. Moderator, in line with your statement and with the indulgence of the meeting, I desire to present the following resolution:

The citizens of Andover, assembled in annual town meeting, desire to make acknowledgment of the long and honorable service to Andover activities rendered by the late George H. Poor.

For more than a half century, his wise counsel and effective leadership contributed to the town's best progress. For a quarter century, he directed the town's affairs as moderator of the public meetings, presiding impartially, counseling wisely and directing unselfishly.

Resolved: that the town has richly benefited by the services of this distinguished son, and hereby records its high appreciation of the part he long played in its life.

Mr. Moderator, I move you the adoption of this resolution by a standing vote.

Mr. Traynor: I second the resolution.

Resolution adopted by a standing vote.

Article 2.—To elect all other officers not required by law to be elected by ballot.

Street Lighting Committee and Finance Committee to be appointed by moderator later.

Spring Grove Cemetery: Everett Lundgren elected in place of Mr. Millett who does not desire to serve.

Cornell Fund: Charles N. Merland nominated and elected.

Article 3.—To determine what sums of money shall be appropriated for Almshouse Expenses, Relief out of Almshouse, Aiding Mothers with Dependent Children, Board of Health, Brush Fire, Fire Department, Hay Stacks, Highway Department, Insurance, Interest, Memorial Hall Library, Memorial Day, Post 99, G. A. R., Miscellaneous, Parks and Playgrounds, Poles, Prizing and Stationery, Public Dump, Retirement of Veterans, Association of Water, Sewer, High School, and Shawheen Bridge Funds, Schools, Sewer Maintenance, Sewer Gliding Funds, Soldiers' Relief, Spring Grove Cemetery, State Aid, Street Lighting, Town Officers, Town House, Tree Wardens, Wood Department.

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TOWN MEETING  
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ment, Water Maintenance, Construction and Shading Funds, and other town charges and expenses.

\$6,000 voted for Almshouse expenses.

Relief out of Almshouse—\$5,000 asked.

Mr. Traynor: Notwithstanding that there is \$5,000 asked for relief outside of almshouse, it would be well if the heads of departments would see that Andover men were employed on the work of the town. Instead of going outside of the town let us be for Andover when we are doing Andover business. The Overseers of the Poor know that they can see men working in the streets and in other departments that do not belong to our town.

Voted \$5,000 for relief out of Almshouse. Aiding Mothers with Dependent Children—\$2,500.

Mr. Donald: I make a motion that \$2,500 be appropriated.

This was voted.

Board of Health—\$3,300 asked for.

Dr. Abbott: The increase is due to the increase in the number of houses that will probably be built in Shawheen Village. We desire the extra appropriation to cover the examination of plumbing.

Judge Bell: In reading the town report over carefully, I find that \$7,000 has been paid out of the town treasury for which there was no vote of the town. The reason I speak of it is that the law is this: "No department of any town shall incur liability in excess of the appropriation except in cases of extreme emergency and then only where there is a two-thirds vote of the selectmen." No such vote appears in any report made to us. I am not finding any fault, if it was necessary, but it seems irregular if it was not ordered by any vote of the town and therefore we should offer a vote at this meeting to ratify the payments which were made in excess of the town appropriation. (Here Judge Bell read list of amounts which had been paid out.)

I make the motion for this reason, not to find any fault with any one of these ex-

penses, but now is the time to draw the line and conform strictly to the law. The thing to do is not to wait until we have men whom we have got to watch.

Moderator: The matter before us immediately is the question of a particular appropriation, and if Judge Bell wishes to present his motion, first we should vote on this appropriation for the Board of Health, and after that we would better pass a provision validating the expenses of the past year. I am strongly of the opinion that the better way of dealing with the latter part of Judge Bell's instruction as to issuing instructions to the Selectmen, would be to take it up under Miscellaneous Business.

Judge Bell: I am entirely content to have it that way.

Moderator: I would like to get this little matter out of the way, have the motion duly seconded, the appropriation for the Board of Health.

Judge Bell: I would like to say that not being as young as I was once, I may have to leave before the meeting is over, and I would like to ask that the motions be presented if I am not here.

Mr. Cole: I would like to bring to your attention, Mr. Moderator, the question of whether the motion should not properly be considered in connection with the article, "to hear and act upon the report of the Town Officers." It does not belong in this place, and if pressed I think I should raise a point of order in connection with it.

Moderator: I had an idea that the meeting would see no objection to taking a general validating vote.

Mr. Dodge: Are the accounts that are overdrawn paid by the general appropriation of last year or are they included in the appropriations they are making this year?

Mr. Cole: Whether they are or not, in order that proper procedure may follow, I feel obliged to insist that the only way in which this can be taken up properly is under Article 23, and discussion of it cannot properly be introduced at this time.

Mr. Forsythe: I move that we proceed with the proper procedure of the meeting.

\$3,300.00 voted for Board of Health.

Brush Fires—\$600.00 voted.

Election and Registration—appropriation of \$1,000 asked.

Town Clerk Higgins: That sum has been asked in anticipation of dividing the town into different precincts and in accordance with a new accounting system, and we made that a separate item.

Appropriation voted:

Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital—appropriation of \$2,700 asked for and voted.

Fire Department—appropriation of \$23,000 and receipts asked for.

Mr. Rogers: I would like to ask if the appropriation carries with it the recommendation by the Board of Selectmen which recommends that we have a Fire Chief.

Moderator: The motion before us asks only for the appropriation of \$23,000. That is all that is asked for.

Mr. Rogers: Then I should add, Mr. Moderator, that the present system of the Fire Department continue, and that the Board of Engineers be appointed by the Selectmen.

Moderator: The Town Clerk calls my attention to the fact that this matter comes up by itself.

Appropriation of \$23,000 and receipts voted.

Hay Scales—appropriation of \$125 voted.

Highway Department, \$30,000 asked for maintenance and \$30,000 for new construction.

Mr. Rogers: I move that the sum of \$60,000 be appropriated, \$30,000 for maintenance and \$30,000 for new construction.

Mr. Frost: I rise to enquire whether the discussion upon the entire amount asked for can come under this vote. The Board of Public Works asks for \$175,000 under three articles. Can they be disposed of at this time?

Moderator: The present appropriation is the only one before us. There is a separate article for the appropriation asked for by the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Frost: Would it be proper to enquire as to what disposition is to be made of this money, how this is to be expended, whether any of it is for the main roads, or whether it is all to be spent on Main street.

Mr. Rogers: This money is not to be spent on Main street. We have put that article to come under the recommendations of the Board of Public Works later. We have planned to spend most of the money on Abbott, Phillips, and Shawheen road, up to what we call Stevens street. Next year we won't require so much money for new work.

Mr. Frost: Do I understand that by appropriating \$60,000 that we absolutely shut off using any of that amount for Main street?

Moderator: There is no appropriation allocated to any particular street \$30,000 is asked for maintenance, and \$30,000 for new construction.

Mr. Frost: Then it would be perfectly proper to get the opinion of the meeting as to where \$60,000 shall be spent? Supposing we vote this and supposing we want that money to be put on Main street, have we any right to do that in any subsequent period at this meeting?

Moderator: The meeting can reconsider its action and curtail any privileges but the Board of Public Works are a body of honorable citizens and they have told us through their representative what they plan to do with this sum of money.

Mr. Frost: Then with your permission I would like to speak on this motion. Ladies and Gentlemen: I am perfectly well aware that any man who stands before this intelligent audience and attempts in the least measure to go contrary to the fixed opinion of the meeting opens himself to opprobrium.

He will be subjected to various epithets, for instance "kicker" (one of the pet names), he will be called mean and niggardly and afraid of his own taxes but when I think there are seven departments in the town of Andover and when I think that the Board of Public Works has come forward not for \$60,000 but in our budget you call separately for items which total \$175,000. When I have taken twenty-seven of the trading taxpayers who pay in figures of four, taking every factory and Mr. Lewis's estate, and I add them all up together and I find that they do not contribute enough money within \$52,000 of what one department wants, what one of seven spokes in the wheel of our government asks for this coming year, when I see this, it seems to me a perfectly prudent question. Are you fair to ask me to ask you where the money is coming from? The assumption running through all the articles is that money is forthcoming. We need not be long in the town to know where it is coming from. One of our esteemed fellow-citizens who has had probably more to do with expenditures and who has been most vigorous in urgent appeals for more and more money, said in an article on February 6, 1930, an article that was designed to answer that question before us as to where this money was coming from and I quote it here verbatim:

"Public income is as elastic as its expenditures while the family expenditures are as inelastic as the income. Communities like individuals are variously circumstanced and wealth is an important circumstance which creates different standards of economy. Public administration spends all its income but the individual does not necessarily do so."

I believe that some such theory, some such philosophy underlies the movement of the town of Andover in the last ten years. I have been thoroughly harassed simply because I have policy of the town. I have been harassed. I believe that when I learn that for the last ten years we have paid \$246,000 of our debt you will say we have done well. That shows the power of Andover but when I tell you that you paid \$127,000 interest on debt, that is something else to be considered.

Public income is as elastic as its expenditure. This income will stretch just as far as you can possibly stretch your expenditure. This is like the case of the horseman who had only one spur, and when his attention was called to it, replied, "I have noticed in years past that whenever I could get one side of my animal to go, the other side generally kept pace with it." For the past ten years in the town the spur has been on the expense side of the animal. I think it is high time to get the spur on the other side of the animal. We can spend any amount, for the income of the citizens of the town of Andover is very, very high, but no one can spend his all and not become bankrupt and I will prove it. Now if you are a man and have a wife and four children living at the Phillips Inn, your income is, say \$25,000 a year. You send your four children to the public schools, and if you have any money left after you pay your hotel bill, you buy up some of the bonds, you put your money into government bonds and you pay not one cent of the burdens of the town, state or nation. The people who pay the taxes are real estate owners. It comes from your farms, your home, your barn, your pigsty, your cows. Now you deduct your corporations. Whatever the state brings in, deduct all that and when you have done all that, 79 1-2 cents on every dollar will come out of your farm and your house and your real estate. If you farmers don't wake up you will give. Remember that the tax you have has a lien on you. The assessors are after you. They put on you a levy of taxes; the next call is a mortgage on your farm; put a larger mortgage on your farm, and so on. That's what we are doing here in Andover. Just a word more and I am done. We are going to get in debt today. We get in debt for the high school. We got a high school, and we have paid \$29,000 for the past five years, \$19,000 for interest money on that school. Have paid \$246,000 for ten years, \$127,000 interest. You get \$200,000 for a sewer. I am not objecting to anything down at Ballardvale, they are doing a wonderful work down there. (Laughter.) I mean Shawheen. All this has come in the past two years. All the taxes for Shawheen would be consumed in one year in one half mile of road. If we have a Board why cannot it fix Main street? If this goes through it will mean higher taxes. I have always paid my taxes and I will pay them now and if I can I will push it back to my tenant. I know that it is said around town "What kind of a man is Frost?" It is discussed about taxes, in fact he has taxitis. But I would rather have taxitis than prodigality. I have the last report that Dr. Abbott has kindly brought me (he will do any errand for any man) of what a man who knows Massachusetts as few men do says of the burden of debt. The honorable gentleman who is editor of the Townsman is hand and glove with him, I mean he is friendly with him. Everywhere we are overwhelmed with debt. What of it? Put more mortgage on your house! Citizens too frequently fail to appreciate what the cost of an improvement is when it is financed by the incurrence of debt. It is said there is a slogan in the town "Borrow the town then you don't have to pay anything for a whole year. Conscience's sake let us eat our apple to the core. Show me a man who believes in going without. I know it is inconvenient. Why can't we have \$75,000 and give it to the Board of Public Works and let them fix Main street themselves with \$45,000 of it. I make this motion, that the town appropriate \$75,000 for highways, \$30,000 to be expended on maintenance, including removal of snow, sanding sidewalks, and that \$40,000 be expended in the reconstruction of Main street from Chapel avenue to the square provided that satisfactory arrangements can be made to relocate the car tracks, and that this amount be raised by direct taxes and not by loan.

Moderator: The Moderator understands this as an amendment to the original motion. Thomas E. Rhodes: Is that motion in order when it includes articles that are already in the warrant.

Moderator: The gentleman is determining and is also attempting to direct the Board of Public Works. The Moderator rules that it is entirely within his discretion.

Mr. Rhodes: Then if this motion carries Article 4 is eliminated from the warrant.

Dana Clark: He stated the amount was the maximum amount. Wouldn't that preclude any further action in the matter?

Moderator: The town is endeavoring to find out its own mind. The town is like a woman and may change its mind. The town may very properly and lawfully rescind that vote.

Mr. Rhodes: I think the gentleman who just spoke went very far afield. Regarding our demand for \$60,000 which has been worked out in our program for the coming year, we have also asked \$100,000 for Main street. This Main street article asking for loan or bond will have nothing to do with the tax rate this year. For that reason we were justified in asking for the regular appropriation this year because Main street from Chapel avenue to the square is a special

work calling for special action. Next year the town can adjust the road appropriation accordingly.

John Traynor: Mr. Moderator, I rise to correct you on your statement with regard to women. I find that you are a bachelor and don't know whether a woman changes her mind or not.

Mr. Cole: I am sure we all hope that the Moderator is not too old to change his mind. A peculiar school of economics has been unfolded to us today. This poor fellow with the \$25,000 income living at the Phillips Inn has been brought before us as an object to whom you should give careful heed. Let us get back to the highway appropriation as involved in this situation. There comes a time when the other side of the interest charge, namely cost of maintenance so seriously eats into the principal that it is no longer economy to make the old go and it is necessary to tear it down and build the new. We are finding that in much state work. One thousand miles of highways in the last year required two to four thousand dollars per mile to maintain. If you could build new road with this interest charge capitalized and carry your maintenance also it is easy to see that you could not afford not to build. You cannot afford not to build if you are going to maintain the Main street of Andover, and here particularly you cannot afford not to build because you have the street railway people ready to say they will tear a single track on the Main street and restore the rest of the highway to the people. \$45,000 for Main street is but a drop of the amount required; it wouldn't begin to pay for the work. As well, we, better let it stay as it is until we can do a real job. I don't yield to my friend in the problem of taxes. I think I represent as much in the property that I have some responsibility for, as any man here, and we have got to go through if we are to bear our share of the burden of this. It is all very pretty to get up here and lay down what the interest is that we pay, but we cannot afford not to pay interest when the result is service rendered that is needed at a cost we can afford to bear. Now our department has carefully gone into this, and it is believed that a highway can be built there for \$100,000 with life of twenty or thirty years. I have put my department into this and we have given it a great deal of study. We have worked upon the Eastern Massachusetts street railway company so that for the first time in any town it will give up one of its tracks and restore the street to the town. They spent \$40,000 or somewhere in the neighborhood of that to put that track there and now they freely yield it and you will have Main street built for service that is so much needed. You have two parallel streets wearing out under this heavy traffic. School children, Bartlett streets, soon to be coupled with Main street to make a triple problem, not double. The only thing before us is whether you want \$30,000 for maintenance and whether you want \$30,000 for general construction. When the time comes to consider the special articles will cover them.

Judge Bell: What is the scheme for Main street? I hear that we are to have one track instead of two. I hear on the streets that it includes new drainage, new sidewalks, curbstones, and I don't know how much more. I do not understand the figures. Mr. Cole says highways cost one or two thousand dollars a mile. I am asking simply for information. Are we going to pay \$200,000 for a sewer? Are we going to pay we don't know how much for a new schoolhouse in Shawheen Village? Before we spend money we should know how much. We have got to make up our minds that Andover can spend a certain sum of money. You know as well as I do that there are towns and cities that have gone bankrupt.

Moderator: The motion was that \$30,000 be appropriated for maintenance and \$30,000 for new construction. This was amended by a motion by Mr. Frost that \$75,000 be named for construction and maintenance.

Mr. E. V. French: It is very necessary that the town should take a broad policy with regard to its highways. There is an article coming later in regard to Main street. This question is whether it is very much for the benefit of the town that about \$30,000 should be spent for the improvement of streets in ordinary way. Main street presents a problem which can be presented better when that article comes. When Main street is built it should be built as a part of a main trunk highway. \$45,000 would be absolutely insufficient to do anything. Consequently it would seem very desirable that the work of rebuilding ordinary streets for which \$30,000

has been spent, should continue. If the work is to continue that way this year the larger part of the important streets in the town would have been taken care of so that some what lesser expenditure would be called for next year. The thing to do is to complete the policy which the town has been pursuing this year, \$30,000 on ordinary construction, then taking Main street as a special proposition for it calls for an absolutely special type of construction. Anything less will be a waste of money and will go to pieces in a very short time. I think it would be unwise to have Main street come at this time, let it come in its proper place later.

Mr. Frost: May I ask a question? I would like to ask the gentlemen if the present highway department are incapable of building the quality of road required on Main street. Are they incapable of building Main street? They have got to stop somewhere, if you give them \$100,000 or \$175,000 they are going to come here next year and ask for money for Main street down to the bridge. The whole road is bum. Why not stop somewhere within our capacity to pay? Now if we cannot build the road ourselves, of course my motion has no effect. If they cannot do it or can build it cheaper by getting it done outside in the name of heaven why can't we put our own board out of commission and get somebody out of town to do all our work.

Mr. Rhodes: There are certain types of highways which the Board of Public Works are not equipped to do. The construction of Main street is something we cannot afford to buy equipment for. To buy the equipment to fix Main street would be only a waste of money.

Mr. Rogers: Our intention is to let the work out on contract.

Fred Cheney: I believe that the town cannot afford this appropriation. Cut out the new construction and take \$2,000 off our tax rate. I make an amendment that the sum of \$30,000 be allowed for maintenance.

Mr. Traynor: I would like to ask the Board of Public Works if Andover citizens are to be employed on this work and if these unpaid Boards will continue to pay Andover money to people from out of town.

Original motion: \$30,000 each for construction and maintenance carried.

Interest—appropriation of \$14,000 asked for.

Mr. Cole: Will you state again—is that less than the year before? Interest is less than it was a year ago?

Moderator: Yes.

Mr. Cole: I wished to have it sink in, that is all.

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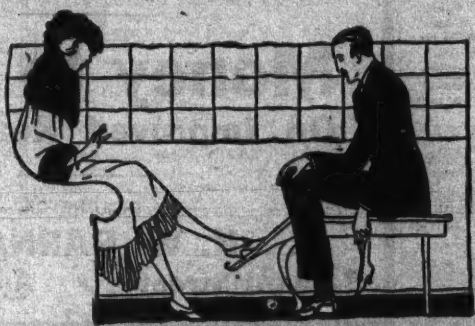
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## TOWN MEETING

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Moderator: I tried to let it sink in, but being a banker I don't like to see interest get too small.  
Sum of \$14,000 appropriated.  
Insurance—\$3,000 for fire, \$2,500 for workmen's compensation asked for.  
Mr. Traynor: Being interested in insurance, I thought I would say here that all that insurance is placed in one place. Just as soon as they get that money, it is all put in one place. This is public money but their attitude seems to be that we do as we please with it. I know I can't do anything about it, but I thought I'd just let them see that I know it, that's all.

Appropriation voted.  
Library—\$3,000 appropriation voted.  
Memorial Day, \$350 appropriation voted.  
G. A. R.—\$100.00 voted.  
Miscellaneous—\$1200 voted.  
Parks and Playgrounds—\$1,200 voted.  
Police Department—\$11,000 appropriation recommended.

Mr. Cole: May I ask if this provides any extra traffic officer; if not I ask for an amendment that another traffic officer may be stationed between Andover square and the upper part of the town.

Mr. Cole: What are they going to do with the truck?

Mr. Donald: The truck will take the place of the auto which they hire. We paid \$450 last year for hire.

Mr. Cole: What do you suppose it will cost to operate a truck?

Mr. Donald: I don't know.

Mr. Cole: One man on Main street will do more good than half a dozen auto trucks.

Mr. Donald: We have taken in over \$1200 in fines and the truck would pay for itself.

Mr. Traynor: While we are on the subject of police, let them have their day off in seven. Treat them as human beings. Another thing we have a man on duty all night who leaves at three o'clock in the morning. I believe it would be much better if the selectmen showed a little humanity.

Mr. Cole: I am quite amused to have my attention called to the report of the Chief of Police on page 66 of the Town Report in which he says, "I would recommend the purchase of a small truck as many times it could be used in taking injured persons to the hospital on a stretcher instead of an auto." I submit that proper policing would give less use for a truck to take people to the hospital.

Moderator: Mr. Cole has moved an amendment that the sum of \$1,000 be added to this appropriation that another traffic officer be employed on Main street.

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Mr. McBride: I cannot see why we need a truck for the Police Department when the Fire Department has a light truck that is lying idle. It could be used to bring in the stills. I strongly object to this recommendation. I hope this truck will not be added. It would be lying idle 99 per cent of the time.

Mr. Traynor: I hope the traffic officer will be added to the police department. I hope the selectmen will take into consideration the way to regulate the department. I hope they will give these men their day off in seven so that instead of spending their grudge on the automobiles that go through our town, we will treat them better. I believe that the town ought to see to it. I want to see them get their day off in seven.

Moderator: The motion is for \$11,000 for the Police Department. It has been amended to \$12,000.

Mr. Stackpole: If it were \$11,040 would it cover traffic officer and exclude truck?

Mr. Cole: I don't know of anyone who can operate a small truck under two or three thousand dollars a year. I hope the town won't begin by adding the cost of maintaining a small truck. I have had experience in studying this and I know. \$11,000 will not take care of a truck and extra officer. It will take care of an added officer.

Mr. Stackpole: I wonder if Mr. Cole would be willing to change his amendment to \$11,040.

Mr. Cole: Yes, and provide that the extra money available is to be used for another officer on Main street instead of a truck.

Moderator: You have in mind the excess of appropriation over last year.

H. A. Bodwell: When the Selectmen put this before us they showed a reasonable use which could be made of the truck. It is a Ford truck to be fitted up with a truck body, or for carrying stills, or a good many other things which the Police Department may find it necessary to use for. I don't believe the expenditure would be the \$2,000 which has been stated here for a Ford truck. I think if you will go into it a little more carefully you will find it isn't an excessive expenditure that the police department is calling for. I hope the traffic officer will go through but they are two separate and distinct things.

Mr. French: If you are going to keep your Fire Department in shape for instant use, and you never know when there is going to be a fire, you should not have your truck away from the Fire House. That truck is used largely for brush fires, to save the main apparatus. The truck which the Police Department calls for can be taken care of adjacent to the Fire Department and if the plans which it is eventually hoped may be carried out by the Fire Department, the cost of maintenance should be very small. We gain in rapidity of motion together with other services to which a truck is generally put which would justify this small expenditure.

Moderator: The amendment is that the appropriation be made with the understanding that the money shall be used for an extra officer and not for a truck.

Mr. Cole: I think Mr. Traynor's remarks regarding a day off for our police officers are well taken. Few towns and no cities but give their police officers a day off in seven or ten as the case may be. I would like to ask the selectmen if they have given any consideration to a day off in seven or in ten for the police officers of this town.

Mr. Donald: No, we have not.

Mr. Cole: What would it cost? What would it cost to give our regular police officers a day off in ten?

Mr. Donald: It would practically require another man.

Mr. Cole: It would cost \$1,000 to \$1,200 probably. We ought to give pretty serious consideration before we pass on this motion. In connection with this we ought to go very slow on the police truck. It is quite a problem.

Mr. Traynor: You can see the attitude of the town, shown by the Chairman of the Selectmen. We have been asking for this for years, and he is no nearer it than he was three years ago.

Mr. McBride: I move an amendment to the amendment; that the truck be excluded and that the officers at present be given one day off in ten.

Mr. Dodge: What was appropriated last year?

Moderator: \$9,000.00.

Mr. Dodge: You have not figured what kind of a truck you are to get?

Mr. Donald: A Ford truck for \$615.00.

Mr. Dodge: Do they contemplate driving this truck themselves or hiring some one to drive it?

Mr. Rhodes: Two of the officers can run a truck now; that is, a Ford.

Mr. Dodge: It seems to me that we come here each year to listen to the same men talk and get no light, and when our report comes out we find that they have spent a certain amount of money in each department, and don't know what for. This year they are increasing the rate to \$28.00 per thousand. Ladies and gentlemen, will you just stop and think where we are drifting. You who own your houses, buy coal, groceries; I would like to have some explanation of where our taxes are spent and how they are spent.

Mr. Traynor: If only one man is working where are they going to get a man to run the truck? There are so many accidents in the dead of night as there are in the broad sunlight.

Mr. Cole: I believe this discussion has been valuable. I don't believe we are ready to pass a vote on the right way to fix the day off but should turn back to the selectmen to see how they can make arrangements for proper allowance of time for various departments. It may be one day off in seven, or it may be one day off in fifteen. Let us vote an appropriation of \$11,000 or \$12,000 for police, and refer the matter back to the selectmen, require of them a report as to the best method of reorganizing the department either by proper vacations for officers, the purchase of a truck and the other issues we have considered.

Mr. McBride: I agree with Mr. Cole and I am willing to withdraw my amendment.

Mr. Traynor: I am willing to withdraw my amendment.

Mr. Cole: I wish to ask the selectmen if \$11,000 will provide an additional traffic officer on Main street?

Mr. Donald: I think it will, as we have only nine months left of this year, not a full year.

Mr. Cole: I then move an amendment for the appropriation to cover the employment of an additional officer on Main street.

Mr. Traynor: Will the selectmen take notice that the sentiment of this meeting is that the police officers should have their day off? My question requires only Yes or No. Will the selectmen or will they not?

Moderator: If you are asking me, I cannot say.

Mr. Donald: We will consider it before we have another meeting and make a recommendation.

Mr. Traynor: I thank you.

Mr. Cole's motion with an appropriation of \$11,000 was carried.

Printing and Stationery, appropriation of \$2,000 voted.

Public Dump, appropriation of \$75 voted.

Removal of Veterans, appropriation of \$300.00 voted.

Schools, appropriation of \$103,420 asked for.

Mr. Conroy: I move that \$103,420 be appropriated. I would say that the amount is smaller than that asked for last year.

Sewer Department, \$4,000 voted.

Soldiers' Relief, \$1,500 voted.

Spring Grove Cemetery, \$2,500 recommended.

Mr. Cole: Won't somebody tell us what these other receipts are.

Mr. Johnson: They are sometimes from the care of private lots, also foundation work.

Mr. Cole: May I ask what they amount to in a year?

Mr. Johnson: I cannot tell you; perhaps our superintendent can.

Mr. Swanton: The receipts amount to over \$3,000.

Mr. Bodwell: Was that all clear profit to the committee?

Mr. Swanton: That was the receipts. We had to buy cement.

Mr. Bodwell: I think Mr. Cole wanted to know how much real profit.

Mr. Swanton: I cannot answer that.

Moderator: This has been the practice in the past. In other words we are not attempting to change the rule. Are you ready for the question?

Mr. Coleman: I move that the sum be appropriated.

Appropriation voted.

State Aid, \$1,000 recommended and voted.

Street Lighting, \$2,500 recommended.

Mr. Traynor: I would like to ask if the street lighting committee ever get any reduction for lights that we don't get.

On Burnham road, there hasn't been a light there for almost a year until the other night. We generally do get the light around town meeting time. What I want to know is if they get any reduction for the lights we don't get.

Mr. Ripley: Can the committee give us any enlightenment on that?

Mr. Coleman: I am perfectly willing to answer any question, but I am afflicted with deafness and didn't get the question.

Mr. Traynor: Does the street lighting committee get any reduction for the lights we don't get?

Mr. Coleman: We were rebated from the gas company \$305.36 for lights that were not burning.

Appropriation voted.

Town Officers, \$10,000 voted.

Town House, \$3,000 voted.

Tree Warden and Mocha Work, \$12,900 recommended.

Mr. Soehrens: I think our moth department is very badly handled. I have heard complaints all over the town that the gardens were very poorly sprinkled. I have spoken with the Mayor and he said that he would never see such poor work. We ought to have better service than we have had.

Mr. Berry: We do our work under state supervision. We have men come here every week in the year. They tell us our work is very satisfactory, year in and year out.

Mr. Traynor: I love to be in the state of Massachusetts and most of all in the good old town of Andover. Speaking of tree work, why don't you men belonging to the town of Andover do this work.

Mr. Berry: There is certain work in our department that is very difficult to do such as climbing trees, especially since this ice storm. We have been overworked with men who could stay on the ground and look up. They must be men who can go up, not stay on the ground. I have never refused work for any Andover man who could do the work called for.

Mr. Traynor: There are plenty of men in

Andover who could climb if he gives them the opportunity to, as well as men from Law and Methuen.

Moderator: The town meeting cannot devote itself to an issue of veracity between two men.

Recommendation voted.

Water Department, \$6,750 recommended.

Voted.

Article 4.—To see if the town will approve the recommendation of the Board of Public Works and vote to reconstruct the highway on Main Street from Chapel Avenue to Andover Square, with macadam pavement or other road material in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the State Department of Public Works, Division of Highways. Also to see if the town will vote that said work of reconstruction be done by contract under the supervision of the Board of Public Works at an expense not to exceed \$100,000. Also to see if the town will vote that notes or bonds of the town be issued to raise funds for the payment of work undertaken under this article, payable annually in the years 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1937, in conformity with Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Mr. Rhodes: I move that this article be adopted. I move to construct a highway with macadam pavement in accordance with specifications.

"That the town reconstruct the highway on Main street from Chapel Avenue to Andover square with macadam pavement or other road material in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the State Department of Public Works, Division of Highways and that said work of reconstruction be done by contract under the supervision of the Board of Public Works at an expense not to exceed \$100,000. That for the purpose of reconstructing said highway the town treasurer is hereby authorized to issue and sell bonds or notes of the town to an amount not exceeding \$100,000, to raise funds for the payment of work undertaken under this article, to be dated August 1, 1932 and payable annually in the years 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1937 in conformity with Chapter 44 of the General Laws, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five (5) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. Said bonds or notes shall be denominated on the face thereof, 'Andover Highway Loan' 1932, shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Selectmen and be under the seal of the town. The Principal and Interest of said bonds or notes shall be payable at such bank or trust company as the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen shall elect. Such bonds or notes may be sold at public or private sale at not less than their par value and shall be certified by a bank or trust company to be selected by the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen and facts not inconsistent with this vote and in conformity with Chapter 44 of the General Laws."

Mr. Bodwell: I would like to ask the last speaker if this does not include work through the square.

Moderator: The wording as I have it is to Andover square.

Mr. Bodwell: Then it is not through Andover square?

Mr. Rhodes: The work has been considered in regard to the square. The Board has thought that at the present time the square is in very good condition. To tear up the square at this time would be a little previous.

We have not considered that that sum would include the square, for that seems to have several years' wear left in it.

Mr. Frost: Whatever we do as intelligent people we do intelligently. Let us know what we are doing. This takes a two-thirds vote. I am perfectly willing to pay my share if we vote it. We were told by the honorable gentlemen that it would cost \$2,000 a mile. Supposing we do it, and it's up to you women to tell me, if you say it is a proper thing to do. We think we can afford to do this. Don't snub me on the street tomorrow, if you don't believe as I do here. Let me say this is not required. Their is not over one-half mile of road. If you vote \$100,000 for a half mile what will the rest cost if the other half is in the same condition. It will cost \$2,000 a mile to keep roads up, but let me tell you this most respectfully as good as certain that the first year the cost will be the town \$24,000. We can get in debt for only five years and \$100,000 mortgage on the other man's real estate. It is there. The first year \$20,000, but before the five years is up, \$127,000 in principal and interest is the money you would need, an amount more than a Ford truck could carry if in silver dollars. You once get in debt and we don't bother much with the interest. The first year \$24,000; the second year \$23,000; the third year \$22,000; and instead of \$100,000, we have \$115,000 at the end of five years. \$115,000 at five per cent, figure it up! I heard a woman say to her little boy, "Johnny you've torn your trousers; now before the hole gets any bigger, come into the house and let mama mend it."

I say to you before the hole gets any bigger, stop and sew up the rip that now exists. I believe you seem to say there is a hole on Main street, let every truck that goes by make it bigger and then we will scrap it and get a new one, and go out of town to have it done. If you call this economy and thrift that made Andover what it is, to think that you can spend any amount that you please, I am done, I will do my part and pass the buck along.

Mr. Cole: I don't think I am going to give any attention to the statement of the last speaker because this problem is not a question of pyramiding interest. It is entirely a question of whether it is wise to undertake the work this year. Two years ago the state had a layout of state highway to the junction of Hidden road and Main street. It wasn't possible to build the town portion to the square at that time and the Department of Public Works came in and said if the town will carry the extension to Chapel Avenue the state will lay out state highway to Salem street, the rest being local. Phillips academy came generously to the fore paying its share, and you have on the top of the hill a high grade piece of road, not as strong as it should have been built, but a road not expensively maintained, and capable of long wear. It was understood between the state department and the town authorities that the road would be extended to the square this year with the idea of making the town road capable of carrying the traffic. Main street is probably one of the first pieces of road on a big through route to feel the tremendous change in traffic conditions. I don't believe you have any conception of what is shown by a study of traffic conditions. There are 44 stations in Massachusetts where the state takes a biennial traffic census. These identical stations have shown a movement of freight in the last fifteen years that is startling in the changed condition unfolded. The total weight per hour over these 44 points has gone from 360 tons per hour to 5,650 tons per hour, most of it moved by heavy truck and large vehicles carrying heavier weights than fifteen years ago. This means a lot to us. It means that main street must bear enormous burdens and be constructed so that they will do it economically. The traffic on Main street is very much more than the state average and

you have got to get in line with the need when you come to the problem of reconstruction. The state took over as a state road from Shawheen Village to the Lawrence line. Today it would never consider it as a state road on account of the congestion there. We have the power and the authority to relinquish it, and turn it back to the town but we must go through with its care and that means a cost to the state of a big sum of money. That road from the Shawheen river to the Lawrence line is a perfect outcrop. It cost \$5,000 this year to keep it so that it would be passable. When it costs from \$2,000 to \$4,000 a year for maintenance the time has come to capitalize that cost and pay for rebuilding. Now we are undertaking this year the improvement of the state road coming up in Article 7. I am referring to it here because the state has continued its policy of helping Andover, and will put in \$50,000 as its share of this road on North Main street. I would feel obliged not to have Andover do its share by trying to build the Main street in the center when this big job is going on in Shawheen Village. I want that done and the time to do it I believe is now. The state will do its job there if the town does that here which we hope it will do. To aid in Shawheen the town must raise \$15,000 to care for approaches to Four street and Haverhill street, also a donation of \$15,000 from Mr. William M. Wood, matching in that way the attitude of Phillips academy when it contributed toward building on the hill. You will have one mile of road which really belongs to the town but which the state will build because it is already a state highway. I brought all these matters to the attention of a group of men representing the Selectmen, Board of Public Works and Finance Committee and all received their unanimous endorsement. The plan contemplated on this center road is a curbing on either side of Main street, from the curbing to a single track in the center making a much wider travelled way under the railway agreement to relinquish to the town one of their tracks. I agree with the proposal to get all wear possible out of the Square's present surface, making a saving of probably \$15,000. Now here is what is involved, probably not over \$85,000, an expenditure in Shawheen Village by the state of \$62,000, and by Mr. Wood, and the town each \$15,000 to do this big job, and you have then got a highway through the town that will be a joy and pride, and it will probably never be possible to get it under the conditions that hold today.

Mr. Frost: I would like to ask about the money, \$22,500 which I recall when I was a member of the Finance Commission, was voted to maintain and reconstruct the road on Andover Hill. The old surface was supposed to be taken off of the old road to be used on Abbot street and Phillips street. Not being present at that next meeting, I did not know that the Finance Commission or anybody else had a right to commit Andover to complete that. They had \$22,500 in addition to \$60,000 as I understood. Now you take \$22,500 and you put it up here on a road that is four or five miles away on Lowell street and complete it, and you give us \$8,000 and \$2,000 more, \$10,000 and you say the state will most generously come in and help you out. They have. Why the \$22,500, why the \$89,000, why wasn't some put on Main street? This was the great argument put before us. They said it was economy. But the last time when they came for a million and a half, why not call it patriotism? The question is whether Lowell street is to be state highway. The argument was, put more and more into Lowell street because when you get it done the state board will come and take all care of it. As a matter of economy, \$5,000 a year and \$22,500 in addition and the state will take it over. Now there are new men on the Board and they are not going to take it over. I ask whether we have hurried into doing that and whether we were wise.

Mr. Cole: I didn't know it was going to be taken over as a state highway, but it certainly won't be until it is petitioned for. Nobody has been fooled unless it is our friend who has overlooked some chance to justify more rent put on his tenants.

Mr. Dwyer: I think we should find out how much we are willing to pay on the tax rate. When I go into anything I usually figure ahead how much I am going to put into it. We have heard a great deal about Main street, and I would like ask those who are talking so much in favor of it to give us the benefit in dollars and cents that will accrue from it to the different property owners in the town. I may be hungry and look at a plate of apples but if I can't get them they are of no good to my appetite. These highways will be nice but what they pay is the proportion of Andover that will ride in a car or truck over that road? Who is getting the benefit of it? It is a state highway and the state should build it. There are many number of children who walk to school every day in mud over their ankles. They pave the middle of the streets where we don't walk, and let us walk in mud. He is telling us what a grand thing it is that the state is willing to give it back to us, but it is not a fact that it is the main cause for putting it in its present condition. How much taxes do the people feel inclined to pay? How much is this improvement going to give us in dollars and cents? That worst stretch of road is from the square to the Shawheen river bridge. Another question, will you need that before you have got this completed? Another question, everything has got to meet a reduction. One of our large plants in Lawrence is going to make a 20 per cent reduction and give us three days to meet it with. Neighbors and taxpayers, take a few minutes to think, you have nothing else to pay with except this 20 per cent reduction. This 20 per cent reduction must be passed along the line. If you will put it off for a year you will get the benefit of the 20 per cent cut. Don't allow anybody to tell you how nice it looks. I like a nice suit of clothes but I can't get it. Here is a concrete example, I have a brother who built in Methuen a five room bungalow for himself. It is costing him \$525 a year for that little bungalow, when he pays taxes and interest on his money. That is a concrete

example, no guess work. It is a question and food for thought.

Moderator: I would like to ask if there are any plans contemplating the remodeling of Main street, looking north.

Mr. Rhodes: The plans are at the State House. We can get them when we need them.

Mr. Rogers: I would like to add one word more. These plans are gotten out by the State Highway Department, at no expense to the town. And furthermore, I think the Board of Public Works is entitled to some consideration in this matter. The street has to be built. More than \$5,000 would be needed to keep it passable. I think it is a penny wise and pound foolish attitude to patch it any longer.

Moderator: I understand I am to say that plans have been made and are available without cost.

Judge Bell spoke but could not be heard.

Mr. Traynor: The word Andover means progress, and most of these streets and most of these schoolhouses would never have been built if we had taken stock of these calamity howlers. We would have been still stuck in the mud in Andover square.

Judge Bell spoke again.

Mr. Cole: Will the Judge again explain what portion of North Main street he is referring to.

Judge Bell referred to the road from the square to the Shawheen bridges.

Mr. Cole: There are no plans as far as I know. Ask the Board of Public Works. This undoubtedly must come up for repair soon.



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### The Town Meeting

It has been a long time since an Andover town meeting provoked the amount of discussion that was given to the various articles last Monday. The discussion was well worth while, although some of it may have represented excess talk, but it is much better that we should talk things out when we have but one meeting a year than to have them go without any consideration, whatever, as they frequently do.

We appropriated a lot of money, and here again the writer believes that the town was wise in most of the appropriations. The big appropriation for highways is not quite as big as it looks when it is appreciated that \$100,000 of the \$175,000 is for a project supposed to be as near permanent as it is possible to make a road, and to be paid for in a five-year allotment. In connection with this the citizens heard a good deal of talk about interest, some of it pertinent and some more of it that was not very well worth while. The objectors received careful attention during their speeches, but might have been more considered when the votes were counted. We don't believe the town is going to the bow-wow, even though it was so freely predicted. We do believe that a Main Street made as well as this big appropriation will provide, will be one of the best advertisements the town has ever had, and it will be a high grade advertisement because it will render the service up to the full measure that the State has a right to expect of a town like Andover.

While we had a lot of discussion over highways, the biggest appropriation of all, that for schools, never made a ripple. Some day somebody will open up this school situation, and the big money won't be secured quite as easily.

We cannot help feeling that with the exception of a failure to discuss school conditions as they should have been discussed, the town acted wisely on all of the other important matters before it.

We wish that the poor farm problem could have been better worked out, and better presented to the meeting than it was by those officially responsible for it. It is hard to know what would have happened to it if Superintendent Swanton had not given his own personal convictions the free play that he did. His statements undoubtedly directed the action.

It is good to see another police officer made available for traffic in the center part of the town, and the writer believes it is good that we have not invested a small sum of money in an auto truck, sure to be followed by the investment of a large sum of money in its maintenance and operation. There are mighty few people operating motor cars who could not hire cheaper than they can own. We gravely question whether the necessities of the town justify the extravagance that many people have assumed as a private burden.

The fire department was given a pretty good razzing, and none too soon. One step further should have been taken in reducing the call men to \$100 a year and using all the money saved for additional permanent men. Another step that should be taken is to get rid of the two platoon system by another definite vote of the town, if such a thing is possible.

Such discussion as the writer desires to give to the Shawheen Village situation is confined to a separate article relative to what he believes to be the key to the whole action that was taken—the point of order that was not sustained. Let us hope that when the matter is again taken up for consideration we may all enter into the discussion at a time when free discussion is properly provided for, with such free discussion untempered by prejudice, or by passion inspired by either personal animosity or an appeal to sob-stuff sympathy.

### Debating the Undebatable

With the idea of having the citizens better understand the issue that was raised in connection with Article 11 of the town warrant at the meeting last Monday, the editor is submitting a short discussion of the same.

He would hesitate even to undertake this discussion were it not for the fact that he believes a better understanding of his position may ultimately help to a better understanding of the whole problem. To develop the issue would have been unwise, even if every vote in the meeting had been cast in favor of the position taken. The writer had too much regard for the Moderator to even press the point, and too much regard for the importance of having the Moderator's opinion always sustained to develop the issue.

As stated before, it is discussed here solely for the purpose of more fairly placing the editor before the people for whom he has so much respect, and whose respect he values.

Article 11 of the town warrant as presented for consideration was as follows:

To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and the School Committee to serve as a joint committee to select a suitable lot of land for municipal or town purposes in the district known as Shawheen Village. If the land that may be selected cannot be acquired by purchase, to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the town to exercise the right of taking by eminent domain, awarding damages for land that may be taken, and making a report of their action at a special town meeting to be called not later than April 15, 1922, with a recommendation for an appropriation to cover the award and for such further action as may be necessary, on petition of the School Committee.

In considering this article a speaker asked for information as to the location which such a building should occupy, whether on the east or the west side of Main Street. Upon inquiry by the writer of the Moderator as to whether such discussion was in order, the Moderator ruled it was not in order, and the speaker undertaking such discussion closed his remarks.

By that ruling it would appear that the Moderator covered the broad proposition of what was subject for discussion under the article. Notwithstanding such ruling, a second speaker, a very much interested party, attempted to amend the order by inserting a provision that certain land should not be subject to the right of taking by eminent domain. In connection with this discussion a similar point of order was again raised, and the Moderator reversed his decision, allowing the discussion to take place, and the amendment to have standing.

Aside from the reversal of his ruling, the Moderator's action does not appeal to the writer as being based upon sound parliamentary procedure. Two points were raised for consideration; one in connection with the doubt expressed by the Moderator as to the right of the town to pass upon the question of "authorizing the selectmen to exercise the right of taking by eminent domain," the other as to a right to discuss any localities under the article as drawn. We believe that the only ruling that the Moderator was justified in making was taken care of by the later amendment, which eliminated from the article, reference to the taking by eminent domain, as the statutes already provide procedure, and definitely fix authority in connection with that procedure; and of course no action by a town meeting can change the authority created by general laws.

Agreeing that the reference to the right to acquire by eminent domain had no standing, then certainly the ruling should be made that a discussion of that issue, or an attempt to restrict action under general law, could have no standing in the town meeting. Notwithstanding this fact, discussion was

allowed and a certain type of appeal encouraged, that had no effect except to give some standing to the Moderator's ruling.

As amended and finally voted the article stands as follows:

"To see if the town will authorize the selectmen and the school committee to serve as a joint committee to select a suitable lot of land for municipal or town purposes in the district known as Shawheen Village, making a report of their action at a special town meeting to be called not later than April 15, 1922, with a recommendation for an appropriation, and for such further action as may be necessary on petition of the school committee."

Perhaps before the month has passed, the real situation will develop, showing what ought to be done from a broader angle than any individual appeal, but entirely from the standpoint of future needs and full justice to all parties concerned.

### Editorial Cinder

We publish in another column a communication that is so timely and so worthy of a wide reading that it is referred to here. "The unappreciated public servant" has never seemed to be with us more than at the present moment. The other day the Boston Herald referred to the reason for the defeat of the chairman of the board of selectmen in Brookline in almost exactly the same terms that our correspondent refers to several situations here in Andover. The man who does something, who is good for something, who is worth while to his community, is about the most abused individual that it is possible to find, and the references made by our correspondent to several men who have been doing a lot of real work the last few years in Andover carries a tribute that will arouse a responsive feeling in the hearts of many citizens. Thank you, Mr. Correspondent, for the timely word so well said.

### Gentlemen's Night of Dramatic Department

The dramatic section of the November club was entertained on the evening of Friday the tenth at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Crawford. Miss Bell, the leader of the section in a naive and charming manner introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Harold Stearns of the Phillips faculty, who presented a sprightly sketch of the development of the western drama.

Starting back at the time of Shakespeare Mr. Stearns traced the various tendencies of the Elizabethan stage as they developed to the present time. Through the rigid formalism of Racine and Corneille and the immortal comedies of Moliere the dramatic leadership fell into the hands of France. In presenting his humorous satires on the weaknesses of bourgeois society, Moliere was in no wise hindered by the necessity of showing deference to the sensibilities of the ruling court circles, the result being a spontaneous and natural comedy which, like Shakespeare, continues to please and inspire down to our own day.

As a protest against the rigidity of technique in Racine and Corneille we find in the eighteenth century the teachings of the German critic Lessing, who called attention to the more natural and plastic method of Shakespeare. As the fruits of this teaching arose the great historical plays of Schiller and the less dramatic but more human and psychologically refined plays of his greater friend and contemporary, Goethe.

The last great dramatic period before ours was ushered in by the Scandinavians, Ibsen and Strindberg, whose works were quickly emulated by the playwrights of the Theatre libre in Paris and the Freie Buhne in Berlin. Ibsen's realism degenerated into the crass naturalism of such writers as Hauptmann and Sudermann. But at the same time the vogue of the skillfully constructed but hollow society drama of Scribner was checked, and as a reaction to the artificiality of naturalism there evolved the dramatic plays of the same Hauptmann, Hofmannsthal, Rostand and Maeterlinck.

At the present time the impetus given to the art of the drama by all the above mentioned writers may be traced everywhere in our modern stage. No longer is the author hampered in theme nor by dramatic dogma. A modern poet like Moliere in "Lilium" is able to take his audience from the slums of a European capital to the forefront of the "Beyond." In closing Mr. Stearns called attention to the widespread influence of Irish writers in the history of the English stage. It was a matter for regret that owing to the extent of ground covered the speaker must of necessity pass over such interesting and important figures as Hebbel in Germany, Tolstol in Russia and Shaw and Barrie in England to say nothing of our own present vigorous dramatic growth and the highly varied and sensational modern continental stage.

Refreshments were served at the close of a most pleasant evening by Mrs. Crawford assisted by Mrs. Keany.

### Two Plays to be Presented at November Club

The dramatic department of the November club will entertain members and their invited guests next Monday afternoon by the presentation of two one-act plays. The first play is "The Silver Lining" by Constance D'Arcy Mackay, and the characters, Richard Burney and Fannie Burney will be portrayed by Mrs. E. Victor Bigelow and Mrs. Henry S. Hopper.

A story entitled "The Fairy Poodle" by Leonard Merrick has been dramatized by Mrs. Douglas Crawford, one of the club members, and will be presented with the following cast of characters:

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Julien (her husband) an artist Mrs. Alden Foss  
The Concierge—Madame Cockard Mrs. J. Harry Kidder  
The Old Clo Man Mrs. Matthew McCurdy  
The Fairy—Madame la Comtesse de grand Ecosson Mrs. Francis Keany  
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## OVERSEERS' BANQUET

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The dining hall was tastefully decorated with white and blue streamers and the guests were gathered in groups around small tables which helped to create the get-together feeling.

Lewis Costes, James Low and Joseph Connelley were the committee and are to be congratulated together with Miss Brown for a very successful evening.

The members present were: John McCrorey, Arthur Shanks, John Sullivan, Sr., Robert Dobble, Andrew Burkholt, Andrew Kydd, Harry Bland, David Black, William Osgood, Oscar Anderson, Frank McBride, B. O. Pinkham, Elmer Eaton, David Preston, J. Lovejoy, Timothy McCarthy, W. Durkee, Alex Lamont, J. Cuthill, J. Connelley, Arthur Boutwell, George Haddon, J. Sullivan Jr., Sam Forsyth, H. A. Bodwell, William Simpson, H. E. Russell, Harry Sellers, Jesse Billington, George Page, Arthur Cole, George Abbott, William Rennie, Thomas David, Alex Brown, James Souter, C. Murnane, Edwin Davis, and the officers, Lewis P. Costes, president; James Low, vice-president and Arthur J. Bear, secretary.

The guests were, Edgar Folk, George Christie.

The menu: Consomme, Roast Chicken and Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Boiled Parsnips, Olives, Sweet Pickles, Cranberry Sauce, Celery, Coffee, Rolls, Ice Cream, Cake, Assorted Cookies, Tonic and cigars.

Probably ninety per cent of the men who are trying to reform the world would be more useful citizens if they would go to work.—Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter

## TOWN BOARDS ORGANIZE

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moves now necessary to carry out plans for a new school and the short time intervening before the next special town meeting make the problem a difficult one.

Monday night, the board of selectmen organized with Walter S. Donald, chairman and Andrew McTernan, secretary.

The board of public works organized Monday evening and elected Thomas E. Rhodes, chairman. Philip L. Hardy was elected secretary and William D. MacIntyre, treasurer.

Frank L. Cole was re-appointed superintendent and George Dick assistant superintendent.

The following testimonial was presented at the meeting and it was voted that it be spread upon the records and a copy be sent to Mr. Rogers:

The Board of Public Works is an ever changing Board; one goes and another comes to take his place in its membership. It is seldom necessary to give the matter more than passing notice. This year there retires from our Board one who has given nine years of service to the town of such a character as to compel us his fellow members to mark it by special words of appreciation.

Mr. Barnett Rogers has proved himself a man of resourcefulness, of rugged honesty, of intense devotion to the interests of the town. Many hours of unrequited service have been gladly given. Under his wise leadership problems of great importance have been solved. His friendliness has made our association with him a source of pleasure. We shall always regard him as a type of the town's best citizenship.

### Obituary

#### FRANK E. MURCH

Word comes from Los Angeles, California, of the death there on March 10 of Frank E. Murch.

Mr. Murch was born at Ellsworth, Maine, the son of John L. and Irene (Hickins) Murch. He came to Andover as a young man, married Mary, daughter of Wesley Richardson, lived here some years, moved with his family to California, and died of Bright's disease at the age of 78. He was well known in Andover, and much esteemed. Twelve years ago, he made the journey East and devoted an entire winter to renewing old acquaintances here and in Maine.

He is survived by five children, and by six brothers and sisters: Edward W. Murch of California; Davenport Murch and Mrs. William R. Hall of Glen Cove, Maine; and by Mrs. Arvilla Pomeroy, Mrs. Oliver W. Vennard, and Mrs. Susan M. Nichols of Andover.

#### KATE DONOVAN

Miss Kate Donovan, a life-long resident of Andover, died Tuesday afternoon at the Fenway hospital, Boston, after undergoing an operation there.

She was 50 years old at the time of her death and was well known by the townspeople of Andover where she made her home all her life.

She leaves two brothers, Dennis Donovan of Wakefield and John Donovan of Jamaica Plain.

The remains were forwarded to the home of her niece, Mary Robertson, 6 Avon street. A high mass of requiem was offered at St. Augustine's church Thursday at 9 o'clock and burial took place in the family lot in the Immaculate Conception cemetery, Lawrence.

MARGARET (BUCHAN) RITCHIE  
Mrs. Margaret Ritchie, wife of John Ritchie died last evening, March 16 at her home in Bradford after an illness of less than a week. She was a native of this town, the daughter of George Buchanan, a Civil War veteran, and one of a family of six daughters and five sons all of whom survive her. Mrs. Ritchie has resided in Bradford for more than thirty years.

She is survived by her husband, John Ritchie; one daughter, Mrs. William Campbell; four sons, Raymond, John, Philip, and George, all of Bradford; by five sisters, Mrs. Nellie Smith of South Lawrence, Mrs. Lizzie Leno of Danvers, Misses Ada, Annie, and Gertrude of Andover; and by five brothers, Donald of North Andover, John, George, Raymond and Charles of this town.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon from the late home in Bradford. Interment will be in the family lot in West Parish cemetery.

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### The Reward of "Service"

We have heard a great deal about "public spirit," "loyalty," "devotion" and "service" to the town, state, and nation during the last few years, and these phrases have been spread broadcast with the hope of making better and more devoted citizens. But have we ever stopped to consider what the result of "devotion to duty" or the better phrase "public spirit" costs the citizen who carries these things to the limit. We have had some pointed examples of the cost during the past two weeks and if you will allow me space I will dwell on a few individual cases.

At the election on Monday, March 6, one of the members of the Board of Public Works was defeated. Barnett Rogers has served faithfully and well for years. He was the spokesman of the Board, its chairman and in many ways the authority and guide in the work of the department. He gave much of his time to the duties of the office for which he received no remuneration, yet what happened for this "devotion to duty" or his "public spiritness"? He was removed from office by the voters he had so loyally served. For Mr. Shattuck, however, I have only words of friendship and feel that he will make a good member of the board.

Let us now take up the case of Mr. Rhodes. His showing at the polls was lamentably weak and did not show even a slight endorsement of his "loyalty" and "devotion" to the town's interest. He has been a zealous worker on the Board of Public Works and although I have not always agreed with his acts his services no doubt have been of great benefit to the community. His heart was in his work. At the regular meeting of the School Board on Tuesday evening another example of "reward for faithful service" was brought out when Dr. Conroy was removed as its chairman. Perhaps no man in recent years has put the time, energy and seal into the duties of this office as has Dr. Conroy. His heart was in his work. Always quiet and unassuming with only one purpose, that of making our public schools the equal of any in the state he gave unflinchingly of his time. He probably had more first-hand information regarding school conditions than any chairman in recent years and always tried to be fair to pupils, teachers and tax-payers. What was his reward at the hands of the fellow committee members? Release from duty.

Let me take up now the service rendered by the Finance committee. This committee is made up of some of the finest men of our town. They spend many hours in the interest of the voters, render valuable assistance in picking out the weak spots in our town government, advising where necessary on the whole serving "faithfully and well." Their advice is not always followed by the voters, which no doubt is wise in some cases and foolish in others. That they are not always right is agreed, but on the whole do not the voters have rather a hostile attitude toward the committee and are the services of these men appreciated? I, for one think the latter is true.

Is this not a unique town in many respects? We hear every year the same cry, "Why do not bigger, better, stronger men run for town office?" The reason seems very plain to me. The bigger and better they are the easier they seem to be knocked down.

"Loyalty," "public spirit," "devotion to duty," "zeal" and "love of town" are pretty phrases but in the words of Goldberg "They don't mean anything."

A CITIZEN

### Wedding

#### RESNIK-GROSS

The marriage of Louis Resnik and Miss Sarah Gross of New York City was solemnized at four o'clock last Friday afternoon at 68 Whittier street.

The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Hyman Kaplan of the Congregation of the Sons of Israel of Lawrence in the presence of immediate relatives of the two families.

The bride wore a beautiful dress of duchesse satin with a veil and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. She was attended by Misses Frances, Irene and Hazel Resnik of Springfield, as bridesmaids and Miss Florence Seagle of Worcester as maid of honor. The best man was Samuel Resnik of this town, brother of the groom.

A reception followed the ceremony and Mr. and Mrs. Resnik received the congratulations of the guests who were present from Chicago, Cincinnati, New York City, Brooklyn, Stamford, Conn., Springfield, Worcester, Manchester, N. H., and Andover. The ushers were Samuel Payton and Joseph Gross of New York City, Louis H. Resnik of Andover and Arthur Helfetz of Manchester, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Resnik received a great array of beautiful and costly wedding gifts from a wide circle of friends. Mr. Resnik is the well-known proprietor of the Colonial theater and with his brother Samuel Resnik also owns the Musgrove building in Elm square.

After a wedding trip, which will be spent in Bermuda, Mr. and Mrs. Resnik will reside on Whittier street.

## TOWN MEETING

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two points, the conclusion seems to be that it should be rebuilt this coming summer. If we don't we will have to rebuild the two parallel streets, Bartlett and School which were rebuilt and which were not built for heavy traffic and they will themselves be pounded out and we will be confronted with a triple necessity. The time is ripe when the main piece of Main street should be rebuilt simply to save our other streets and to do our proper part in keeping our place in the state highway plan. To go beyond that, the cost of building bids fair to be as fair this year as it is likely to be for the next five or ten years. It is the place where it seems to be desirable to go ahead, and beyond that, due to the situation of the state highways, and with the street railway company ready now to reduce its tracks and give us really a wider street—all these make this the propitious time to build this road. There is no question whatever from the standpoint of broad business judgment. This must be built to stand the racket. Anything else is just as foolish as building a bridge which wouldn't stand a load. There is nothing to do but to do it in the right way. It seems on all grounds for the best interests of this town to rebuild that road. We have to rebuild a road of that type of construction likely to last so many years that it may very properly have its cost spread over as far as future and law permits because the people coming after us will be the ones who will get a share of the benefit. The bonding method seems in every way a reasonable method. I think there is no question but that it is to the interest of the town of Andover to appropriate \$100,000 and build the road this year in this way.

Mr. Traynor: I think it is very unkind not to thank our worthy citizens, Mr. Cole and Mr. Rogers, who through their generosity got for us that fine piece of road. The Finance Committee know about it but not all the people here know about it and I think we ought to thank Mr. Cole and Mr. Rogers for that piece of road on the hill.

F. H. Eaton: I think it is unfair to residents of South Main street to have such a noisy kind of paving put on this road.

Mr. Cole: I have a strong feeling, and our engineers say this is the case, that there will be less noise on that street no matter what type of pavement if we come to the single track instead of the double track, but further than that, with the truck on pneumatic tires the surface is of very little importance provided it has proper foundation and drainage. Thus our friend is needlessly disturbed about that surface proposition. Certainly the town would be most unwise to build macadam street as he suggests in order to carry this enormous traffic.

Moderator: There are a number of parts this motion and I will put it all as one. It involves a proposition to bind the town, and a two-thirds vote is necessary.

Standing vote taken, 348 for, 4 against.

Article 5.—To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Board of Public Works to petition the legislature for authority to issue bonds or notes, outside the statutory limit to the amount of \$40,000, to be denominated on the face thereof "Andover Water Loan, Act of 1923," and loan to be for the purpose of making necessary changes in and extending the present system of water works in the town of Andover under such terms and conditions as the General Court may provide, on petition of the Board of Public Works.

Philip L. Hardy: I move that this article be adopted.

Mr. Traynor: Please inform me why the Board of Public Works does not give the good service that is required in the town of Andover.

Mr. Dodge: Isn't this rather a dangerous proceeding? Is it absolutely necessary that we have this authorization to maintain water service in the town. Where are we trending? Our receipts are going down all the time and we fail to consider a lot of these things. I simply ask if it is necessary that for the good of the water system that we be authorized to borrow \$40,000 outside of the debt limit.

Mr. Rhodes: If the Board of Public Works didn't think it was necessary we wouldn't have asked for it. It was not to give you an idea that the town of Andover doesn't want to supply the needs of the town. You have down below here a development that needs public service. They need water service, they need sewer service, and police service. If you want to check the growth, all right, check it by not giving it what it wants. They must have water in Shawheen Village.

There is not enough water there to put out a fire. All there is on Haverrill street is a six inch main to feed all those mills and dwellings. No insurance company would consider it a good risk. They seemed to lay out our water mains all over this town without thought of any development. A six inch main is too small. Main street has only an eight inch main part way. A six inch main runs up Lowell street. A six inch main on High street. How are we going to supply development with six inch mains, especially for fire purposes? \$40,000 is needed to lay out a new 10 inch main from the West Center church, and then from this 10 inch main we will be able to supply sufficient water to give good service in the Village. Now we all lose track of the increase of property values and of population. These are things that demand your money. We have got to have it if we are to supply them. Some oppose building a new street because they have a good street in front of their own house. Now that attitude is selfish. We begin to be selfish when we get all we want. We wouldn't ask for \$40,000 if we didn't think it necessary. I think the citizens of Andover can trust the Board of Public Works to ask only what is necessary.

Mr. Cole: I think the disturbance of the gentlemen who enquired was whether we should bond the town outside the debt limit. All water systems of the town have been financed in this way. All of the water financing has been done by bonding outside the debt limit and it is an almost universal custom the country over.

Mr. Dodge: The thought of our people in the different departments seems to be that our income and expenditure should still go on as it did during the war when everything was going up. It seems to me that we should be considering something in the way of economy, as well as beauty and fire protection. Mr. Rogers spoke of being unselfish. I happen to be one of those unfortunate who live on the outskirts of the town, on a road that has been impassable for the past three or four weeks. We happen to be up there where we get no water and no fire protection, and where we have to pay excess insurance rates because of that fact.

Mr. Cole: Is it necessary to take a two-thirds vote on this article?

Moderator: I do not know. I would be very glad to be informed. The Board of Public Works if the legislature authorizes the issue, must come back and get authority to use them.

The article was adopted, according to the motion.

Article 6.—To see if the town will authorize and direct the Board of Public Works to petition the Legislature for authority to borrow \$200,000,

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Benedictus  
Hymn—Lord in this Thy mercy's day  
Offertory—Jesus, grant me this, I pray  
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## TOWN MEETING

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outside the statutory limit of indebtedness, by bond issue or otherwise, for the following purposes: To construct and maintain a pipe line, in accordance with plans approved by the State Board of Health, for the purpose of disposing of the sewage of the Town of Andover, said pipe line to extend from Andover through the City of Lawrence to the Merrimack River, and to authorize the purchase or taking of land in said Andover and Lawrence necessary for said pipe line and to award and pay damages for said purchase or takings. On petition of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Rogers: At the last annual meeting it was voted that the Board of Public Works be authorized to investigate and prefer plans. We have hired the services of Mr. Franklin and he has made plans and specifications for the construction of a pipe line to the Merrimack River through North Andover and Lawrence, a distance of about three miles. We made application to the State Board of Health. We knew we couldn't go to the legislature. Some of us went to Boston but we didn't get any real definite information. It was the end of the year when the Finance Commission asked us for information, but we had none from the state office at that time. Two days ago we received a letter by special messenger from the state board which makes action at this time, poor policy. I should like to say here that the Board feels under obligation to Dr. Abbott for his aid in the matter. We have nothing whatever to do at this time. I move that this article be postponed to the next meeting which will be on the 15th of April.

The motion was passed.

Article 7.—To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 as their share of the cost in the reconstruction of Main Street by the State, through Shawheen Village on petition of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Rogers: I think that so far as Article 7 is concerned, I think our friend here on my left spoke on this article fully for the town, for Mr. Wood, and for the American Woolen Company. If there is any further information needed on this article, we will call on Mr. Cole.

Voted.

Article 8.—To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 as their share of the cost in the reconstruction of Main Street by the State, through Shawheen Village on petition of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Rogers: This is to pay the balance on a contract we made to have Mr. McCarthy build the sewer on Hawthill street. The contract amounted to something like \$9,000 or \$8,750, but when it was finished it amounted to \$15,000 on account of the rock work necessary. Therefore, we had to ask you for the appropriation here in the warrant. It has got to be paid, the work has been done and the bill has to be paid.

Article 9.—To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 as their share of the cost in the reconstruction of Main Street by the State, through Shawheen Village on petition of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Donald: Your committee started to make investigation for the housing of the inmates of the Almshouse under the Special Town Meeting held November 1st. We have visited a number of towns to see if we could get any good points in the matter of a new building for the Town's Poor, but failed to find anything that could compare with our old home. We have had plans made for

a 27 room house to accommodate our present 11 inmates and 6 of the matron's family and servants. This house of wood construction and other expenses will cost by estimate \$40,000.

4 rooms for men, two in room 8 beds  
5 rooms for women, two in room 10 beds  
9 rooms for children, two in room 18 beds  
1 men's hospital 4 beds crowded 4 beds  
1 women's hospital 4 beds crowded 4 beds  
Total beds for inmates crowded 26 beds  
3 Chambers for matron  
3 Chambers for servants  
16 Bed rooms all told in the house

5 Administration Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Laundry, Pantry, General wardrobe.  
2 Patients one for men, one for women inmates  
1 Smoking room  
3 Matron's quarters, Dining Room, Living Room, office  
27 Rooms all told

Sanitaries: 2 Bath rooms one for men, one for women inmates; 1 Bath room for servants; 1 Bath room for matron, 4 Bath rooms in all.  
Small toilets: 2 hospital toilets men and women, 1 basement toilet for men, 1 toilet for help; 4 small toilets in all.

I make a motion that the town appropriate \$10,000 in addition to the \$30,000 now on hand.

Mr. Soehren: I wish to know if some of the rooms could be used for a hospital.

Mr. Donald: This plan calls for four rooms for men, two in a room, eight beds. Five rooms for women, two in a room, ten beds. Nine rooms for inmates in all. One room that could be used for a hospital is included in the plan.

Mr. Traynor: I think the plan seems very nice, but we haven't heard a word as to where it is to be located. Where are these beautiful plans to be located?

Mr. Donald: There were three locations in view. We finally settled on Carmel Woods. We would put the house on the south end of the woods taking up about an acre. We wouldn't fence it in. There are forty-one acres in the whole lot originally belonging to the town farm. There is some talk of a park but nothing has been done there for many years. We think it would be an attractive place.

Mr. Cheney: We would regret it in years to come if we permitted any building of any kind to be put on a public park. I make an amendment that if the building is built that the Carmel Woods lot will not be used. I think that something might be done to bring these people nearer to town where there is more going on for them to see.

Mr. Swanton: I have lived in the town forty years, fourteen years in the town house. I would like to know what more fitting place we could select for this than at the south end of the Carmel Woods. I have been told the people who want it for a park say it is too valuable, \$141,000 an acre.

There are 41 1/2 acres for the park and it seems as if they could spare an acre of that. If they put the house down in the hollow of High street it would be within 400 feet of where there are 26 children. You know what it means to those old people when those children are out playing at night. I like children and I bring a good many of them down in my wagon every morning, perhaps some of you have seen me with seven or eight of them, but they will disturb those old people in the evening at their play and keep them awake until nine or ten o'clock at night if the house is put in that location. We have one now. A year ago the doctor suggested we send him to Tewksbury. We had some one come from there and we called the old man in and told him what we were going to do. He begged us not to send him to Tewksbury so we said we would try to take care of him. In about a week or ten days he had to stay in his room and has not been able to come out of his room since. Last July he took to his bed and now you would put him down alongside of the street. Up in Carmel Woods is the best site in town for this house. It is nice and quiet in

there by yourself. I hope the amendment will not prevail.

Mr. Traynor: Being a neighbor of Mr. Swanton's I will say that he will want the almshouse put in the place where it will serve the best interests of Andover. You have got a superintendent of your poor farm here that he haven't got in many towns, and citizens of Andover, anything that he says is genuine stuff. I hope he will get what he asks for. I hope the amendment will not prevail.

Dr. Stearns: I have been told that recently it has been the policy of towns to bring the old people into the town, that there was far more for them to enjoy and they had a chance to see what was going on and that to put them into the country under modern conditions was more than a hardship, almost unfair. But from what Mr. Swanton says perhaps there is another side to the story.

Mr. Swanton: That is true as far as Mr. Stearns goes and perhaps it would be better, but if it was my case I would give me laudanum and put me to sleep quickly, rather than put me off on a farm, although I like farming. Forty-two years ago I came to Andover. I worked on the hill four years; I was four years in the mill; I suppose there isn't a person in this room who thinks he is going to die in the poor house. Since I have been in the Town Farm, the foreman, under whom I worked at Phillips Academy, has died in the poor house. We had a man die in the poor house who twenty-five years ago was in business in Boston, but he died in the almshouse.

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people at this time. It appeared that it does need more study before we build something that is rather going out of use. I have not one slightest desire to say anything against the way this thing has been conducted or to do anything that would reflect on Mr. Swanton, and the care and thought that he has given the inmates. It is only a question of the best way to do it and it is the opinion of some that the subject has not been considered thoroughly enough. A good deal of time has been put on it by the selectmen and the committee but not time enough, and it certainly seems Andover is ready to build something that they are not certain is best. I hope Mr. Bodwell's motion will prevail. I think there is good reason to believe that while we are doing our best to find something, that our present occupancy of the building can be extended, and we can have our occupancy extended after October first.

Mr. Donald: I hope this won't prevail. We have done our best. There is no use in turning it over to another committee.

Mr. Traynor: I hope this meeting will not be carried away by a lot of talk from people who have not had a great deal of experience with the poor, or experience about a great many other things we might mention.

Mr. Rhodes: I fall to see any reason why they should delay this proposition. The town farm was sold according to vote of the town of Andover. It is up to the town to find them another home. It seems to me that the proposition isn't so enormous as it seems. It is the matter of the woodpile. Why all this talk of taking land? What is the mouse in the meal? Why put the selectmen in?

Mr. Cole: The answer is that if land must be taken, why there is no other authority to take it but the selectmen. That is the only reason why they are joined in this proposition. If land must be taken the selectmen must do the taking.

Mr. Chambers: There is plenty of land there. Why all this commotion about taking Todd's land? What is the idea, anyway?

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Article 12.—To hear and act upon the report of the War Memorial Committee.

Mr. French: The report of the War Memorial Committee was presented in this report and I presume that you would not care to hear it in full. The committee gave the problem a good deal of attention and thought. I think we all appreciate that after our Civil War a good many memorials were erected which were not very satisfactory. We found as we studied into the matter, this question of providing a suitable memorial, something in keeping with the great struggle, was being given very much thought in other cities and towns. They want something that will be in the right spirit of commemoration of the great

site and to exercise the right of eminent domain on the part of the town, I say if the town can do this under this article, I feel perfectly certain that it can also direct them as to the exercise of that power and you can go here and there, and you can go there and there. The moderator from the point which he has to decide is compelled to rule against Mr. Cole.

Mr. Cole: Your ruling is absolutely correct, so far as it covers the point of positive and negative action possible. I believe from some experience in such matters, if it were possible under the article for a taking to be made, but the taking cannot be effective under this article or under any article until an appropriation has been made. Hence, the report that must accompany that action must ask for the right to take by eminent domain and provide an appropriation for so doing. In other words no action that can be taken today, can have any effect in an actual taking of land.

Judge Bell: I agree with Mr. Cole that no land can be taken.

Dr. Conroy: I am inclined to agree with the gentleman, but I see no objection to an expression of the town's opinion today. The school committee have not decided to recommend any particular lot of land. I have an open mind. We have not decided what is best for the town.

Mr. Chambers: It seems to me that the town committee is trying to put something over on us. There is plenty of land down there belonging to the town that they could build a schoolhouse on. It looks as if the selectmen were hiding something up their sleeve. What is the nigger in the woodpile? Why all this talk of taking land? What is the mouse in the meal? Why put the selectmen in?

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.  
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Samuel D. Stevens, late of North Andover in said County, deceased.

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Nathaniel Stevens and Abbot Stevens, who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a survey on their official bonds to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Salem in said County of Essex, on the third day of April, A. D. 1922, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman, a newspaper published in Andover, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, HARRY R. DOW, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fourteenth day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.  
HORACE H. ATHERTON, Jr., Registrar.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.  
To all persons interested in the estate of Abbie W. Cunningham, late of Andover in said County, deceased.

WHEREAS, Colver J. Stone the administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first and final account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Salem in said County of Essex, on the third day of April, A. D. 1922, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator with the will annexed is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman, a newspaper published in Andover, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, HARRY R. DOW, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.  
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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.  
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Jonathan P. Holt, late of Andover in said County, deceased.

WHEREAS, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Jonathan E. Holt of Andover in the County of Essex without giving a survey on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Salem in said County of Essex, on the twelfth day of March, A. D. 1922, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman, a newspaper published in Andover, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, HARRY R. DOW, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-seventh day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.  
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## Andover Savings Bank

The following pass books issued by the Andover Savings Bank have been lost and applications have been made for the issuance of duplicate books. Public notice of such applications is hereby given under authority of Section 40, Chapter 990 of the Acts of 1905. Payment has been stopped.

Book No. 27,663  
Book No. 33,708  
March 3, 1922.  
FREDERIC S. BOUTWELL, Treas.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of William W. Lovejoy, late of Andover in said County, deceased.

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Fred Lovejoy who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him, or some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined to serve.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Newburyport in said County of Essex, on the twenty-seventh day of March, A. D. 1922, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman, a newspaper published in Andover, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, HARRY R. DOW, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventh day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

HORACE H. ATHERTON, Jr., Registrar.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Essex:

RESPECTFULLY I submit and represents Helen Collins Dooley, of Andover in said County, that she was lawfully married to James R. Dooley, now of South Bend, Indiana, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, the twenty-third day of October A. D. 1918 and thereafter her husband and the said James R. Dooley lived together as husband and wife in this Commonwealth, to wit, at 20 Pine Street, Andover, that your husband has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said James R. Dooley being wholly irresponsible of the same, at Andover since January 1, 1919 being of sufficient ability, grossly or wantonly and cruelly refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for the husband and their daughter Margaret Collins Dooley born on the twenty-seventh day of March, 1919.

Wherefore your husband prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your husband and the said James R. Dooley; and that the said minor daughter Margaret Collins Dooley be committed to her care and custody and for such other orders and decrees as to your Honor shall seem meet, and as justice may require. Dated this twenty-fifth day of February, A. D. 1922.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT  
Essex, ss. March 2, 1922  
Upon the foregoing libel, ordered, that the said libellant give notice to said James R. Dooley by causing an attested copy of her said libel, and of this order thereon, to be published in the Andover Townsman, a newspaper printed and published in Andover, in the County of Essex, for three successive weeks, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the return day of this Court, at Salem within the County of Essex, on the first Monday of May next, and by mailing, forthwith, by registered letter to the libellant at South Bend, Indiana, an attested copy of said libel and of this order thereon: that he may appear at said Salem within one month from said first Monday of May and show cause, if any he has, why the prayer of said libel should not be granted.

Attest  
A. N. FROST, Clerk.  
The foregoing is a true copy of said libel and of the order thereon.  
Attest,  
A. N. FROST, Clerk.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.  
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Harriet Louie Erving, late of Andover in said County, singlewoman, deceased.

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Abbot Erving who prays that letters testamentary







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#### Community Services

G. Edgar Folk of the Y. M. C. A., was the speaker at the Community Services held Sunday evening in Balmoral Hall. His talk was taken from St. Mark's 11th chapter—the parable of the Fig Tree. He said that we should accept the things that come to us in this life and although we do not understand many of them we should have faith in God and that we must pass through the stages of sin to strengthen our characters. The Shawsheen quartet sang "Whispering Hope" again, by request and also "Rock of Ages."

The speaker for next Sunday evening will be Rev. E. Victor Bigelow of the South Church, Andover and on March 26 Rev. W. E. Patrick of St. Paul's Church, North Andover will speak.

The Sunday school that holds classes every Sunday morning at 9:30 in Balmoral hall is reported as showing much progress.

A combined business and social meeting of the Shawsheen Village Sunday School teachers and the Executive Committee was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. George H. Winslow, North Main street, 17 persons attending.

The meeting opened with a vote of thanks to the teachers for their assistance in organizing the Sunday school, followed by a short business meeting at which plans were discussed regarding an entertainment to be held on Easter Sunday at 12 o'clock. It is planned at this entertainment to have the children in the kindergarten sing. The committee in charge of this affair is Mrs. Christine Murray and Mrs. Edwin C. Law.

At this meeting the Sunday school teachers formed an association and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: president, Mrs. George H. Winslow, vice president, Mrs. Edwin C. Law; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Benjamin Babb. The meetings of this association will be held on the first Tuesday of every month, and the next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Donald Carter, Balmoral street.

After the business, refreshments were served by Mrs. Winslow and a social hour was enjoyed by all those present.

#### Subscription Party

An invitation subscription dance will be held Friday evening, March 17, in Balmoral Hall by the telephone operators at the Lawrence Exchange.

The committee in charge of the affair are Nora Collins and Annie Clarke, and Martin's seven piece orchestra will play for dancing.

#### Public Dance

Saturday evening, March 18, a public dance will be held in Balmoral Hall under the auspices of the Balmoral Spa and the Balmoral Orchestra will furnish the music.

If enough attend it is possible that these dances will be held every Saturday evening as well as Thursday evenings.

#### Sewing Club Meeting

The Glee Club Sewing Circle met Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Anna MacNulty on Argyle street. Two new members were admitted, Agnes Mura and Margaret Collins. Plans were made for an outing to Boston in the near future. After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed and piano selections were ably rendered by Mary Riley after which refreshments were served by the hostess.

Those present were Misses Genevieve and Agnes Mura, Margaret Collins, Mary Riley and Agnes and Anna MacNulty.

#### Board Walk on Haverhill Street

A temporary board walk has been constructed on Haverhill street near the new restaurant, on the left-hand side of the street and extends as far as Stirling street. This has filled a long felt want by the residents in that vicinity as the heavy trucks used in the construction work have badly cut up the streets and in stormy weather they were almost impassable. The construction of the board walk is a great improvement and will be much appreciated by the residents.

#### Home Economics Committee Presents Program at the Grange

Andover Grange met on Tuesday evening. Names for a good sized class for initiation were proposed and will be voted on at the next meeting, March 28. A fine program was presented by the Home Economics Committee of which Mrs. George L. Averill is chairman. It was as follows: piano solo, Ruth Cates; vocal solo, William Corlies; reading, Marion Hill; "Vocational Schools," Mrs. John Morrill, acting principal of the girls' department, Essex Agricultural school, Hathorne; piano solo, Ruth Cates. At the close of the meeting the get-acquainted lunch was served in the lower hall. The meeting was well attended and interesting and profitable throughout the evening.

#### Andover-Exeter Basketball Game

On Saturday at 3 o'clock in the Borden Gymnasium of Phillips Academy, Andover, the third annual basketball contest will be held between Andover and Exeter.

Last year the new Hampshire rival won at Exeter 47 to 43; two years ago Andover won 32 to 26. Judging from the season's games so far both teams are equally matched. Andover has lost two games one to Princeton Freshmen and the other to Harvard 1925 at Cambridge. Exeter has lost but one game, to Dartmouth 1925 last Saturday.

Dan Kelley and W. H. Geer of the Harvard College physical department will handle the game. The price of admission will be 50 cents.

#### Thank Goodness

There's one consolation—the reformer can't compel us to close our umbrellas on a rainy Sunday.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

### BURNED TO GROUND

Brown House Burned When Inadequate Water Supply and Heavy Roads Handicap Fire Department

The double tenement known as the Brown House situated on Balmoral street extension is today in total ruin as the result of a fire which started in the back part of the house about 2:00 a. m. Wednesday morning.

The rear part of the house was in a mass of flames that illumined the sky for some distance and the fire had gained quite a headway before discovery was made. The fire was first discovered by a train crew on the Boston and Maine Railroad who telephoned the information to the Andover fire department and the alarm was rung by the watchman at the Poor Farm. Several residents in the vicinity telephoned but were so excited they forgot to state where the fire was. The noise of the fire alarm and the arriving apparatus awakened a great many of the residents who gathered to watch the fire.

Owing to the bad condition of the road the apparatus had great difficulty in reaching the house and by the time they arrived the fire was so far advanced it was impossible to save the structure. Only one wall and the chimneys are left standing. The water supply was also insufficient because of the fact that there is only a six inch water main.

None of the other houses in the vicinity were in great danger of catching as the sparks were blown in a southeasterly direction toward the railroad and none of the houses were near enough to catch.

The house was formerly located on Haverhill street and was removed last fall with several others to the Balmoral street extension and fortunately was unoccupied. John Collins who formerly lived in the house had left some furniture in the attic as he intended moving back after the house was relocated but it was all burned.

The house was not a new one but was at one time owned by George Torr and was later purchased by Thomas David who lived there for about fifteen years and later Carl Reddig was the occupant. John Morrison took possession next and lived there until he built a home on Elm street. At the time of the beginning of Shawsheen Village the house was purchased by the American Woolen Company.

The cause of the fire is as yet unknown but investigations are being made to determine the same.

The building was insured in the firm of Starkweather and Shepley and the loss is estimated at about \$10,000.

#### William M. Wood Fully Recovered

News was received Tuesday in Shawsheen Village from Palm Beach, Florida, that President William M. Wood of the American Woolen company had entirely recovered from the attack of lumbago with which he had been stricken some weeks ago.

It was also stated that after a further brief stay at Palm Beach he would return to his desk at the Boston office of the American Woolen Company.

#### Junior Boys' Club Organized

A Junior boys' club has been organized recently by a number of Shawsheen boys and while the membership is now small it is expected to be greatly enlarged soon. The first meeting of the club was held last Saturday afternoon in the club room on Corbett road. The following officers were elected: president, Lucien Topping; vice-president, John Kelly; treasurer, Joseph Perreault; secretary, James Williams.

The next meeting will be held Saturday afternoon and all members are urged to be present as a baseball team is to be formed and plans made for other future events.

### CIVIC ASSOCIATION TO BE FORMED

All adult residents of Shawsheen Village, West Parish and vicinity, are cordially invited to a meeting on Friday, March 17, at Shawsheen Hall, Post Office Building at 7:30 p. m.

The purpose of this meeting is the formation of a Shawsheen Civic Association.

An entertainment will be given by the committee, consisting of a moving picture show and concert. No tickets will be required. Admission free.

Every adult resident is entitled to membership. A large attendance is requested by the committee. No children will be admitted.

### PERSONALS

James Mosher of Balmoral street attended the Auto Show Tuesday evening.

Daniel F. Daly of the Booster Office attended the Auto Show in Boston Wednesday.

Misses Sadie and Gertrude McKay of Dumbarton street were recent visitors in Boston.

William, Henry and Joseph Schultz of Haverhill street attended the Auto Show Thursday evening.

Henry Fairweather and Robert Williams of Balmoral street heard Harry Lauder at the Boston Opera House Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Murray, Archie Mayo, and Edwin C. Law of the Shawsheen Market attended the Auto Show in Boston Wednesday afternoon.

Thomas Higgins and George Wood of the Shawsheen Market attended the afternoon performance at Loew's Orpheum, Boston, Wednesday afternoon.

William Wagner who has been spending the past week at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Alexander Mura of Balmoral street, has returned to his home in Manchester.

#### Bowling Club Organized

Bowling on the Green promises to be one of the leading sports in Shawsheen Village the coming summer and at a well attended and enthusiastic meeting which was held in the Boys' Club on Haverhill street, Wednesday evening a Bowling Green Club was formed and officers elected as follows: president, Robert Williams, secretary, Dana Clark, treasurer, James Skes.

William M. Wood, George M. Wallace, Walter Lamont, Frank H. Hardy, George Winslow, and Thomas Bredbury were elected as honorary members.

The following members were admitted: Robert Williams, Dana Clark, Alexander E. Gordon, William Gordon, David B. Robb, James Skes, Thomas Parry, John Gordon, Frank Jameson, William MacKenzie, Gus Loring, George Bandoni, Edward Casey, George Christie, and John MacDonald.

It was voted to extend the time for joining and all those interested in this sport will have opportunity to join the club during the next two weeks.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday evening, March 21, in the Boys' Club on Haverhill street at 8 p. m. All those interested are requested to be present.

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### SOCCER GOSSIP

American Woolen to Play First Game Saturday in Lowell. Have added Several Strengthening Players

Now that the good weather is coming soccer fans are looking forward to the games being resumed and on Saturday at Bunting Park, Lowell the American Woolen Company will meet the Massachusetts Cotton team. In a previous game the Massachusetts Cotton won over the American Woolen by a score of 2 to 1. Since that time, however, both teams have been strengthened. Dundas, formerly with the Amoskeag, one of the best right wingers in this section of the country, will be seen in the line-up of the American Woolen Company. The Lowell team is a strong contender for league championship honors and will put forth its best efforts to score a win over the Lawrence boys.

The league is in a very interesting state at this time, and the championship is far from being settled as the league standing indicates.

	P	W	L	D	F	G	Pts
Mass Cotton	6	4	1	1	12	10	9
Abbot Worsted	5	4	1	0	12	5	8
American Wool	6	4	1	1	20	8	7
Smith & Dove	7	3	4	0	23	17	6
General Electric	5	1	2	2	10	15	4
Arlington Mill	9	1	8	0	9	13	2

Mass Cotton takes lead with nine points, but have played one game more than Abbot Worsted who are in second place with eight points. American Woolen runs a close third with seven points. Smith & Dove comes fourth having taken a drop by losing the last two league games to American Woolen and Mass. Cotton, their total points being six. General Electric who now stand suspended come fifth with four points, while the Arlington Mill with only one victory for season, occupy the cellar position with only two points to their account.

The following is a list of league games still to be played which will be of some interest to our readers, the games to be played at the call of Secretary John Haggas: MASS. COTTON

Abbot Worsted (away); American Woolen (home); American Woolen (away), General Electric (away).

ABBOT WORSTED

American Woolen (away); General Electric (home); General Electric (away); Mass. Cotton (home) Smith & Dove (away).

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General Electric (away); Arlington Mill (away); Abbot Worsted (home); ARLINGTON MILL  
Smith & Dove (home)

Now that the State officials have handed down a decision in the P. G. Darcy vs. Referees association case in which they ruled in favor of the latter, it is to be hoped that all differences will be settled and we shall again see "Pat" in charge of the whistle. The referees version on the case was on rules and regulations which we all know should be adhered to at all times. Sometimes they are open for argument and this appears to have been one of them. Darcy was so popular as a referee that the fans are most anxious to see him again in action.

One of the most interesting games the Lawrence fans are looking forward to is the game between American Woolen and Abbot Worsted at Shawsheen. American Woolen is the only team in the league that has pinned a defeat on the Forge Village aggregation this season and that was September 14 at Forge Village by the score of three goals to two. The goal scorers that day were: Law 1, Dundas 1, Ormrod 1, Farquhar 1 and Hulse 1 from a penalty kick. Admitting that the Abbot is a strong team and have been playing right along while American Woolen have not played since Nov. 26 the Forge has some advantage. I don't expect to see Abbot Worsted having things all their own way.

The American Woolen committee have been much on the alert in strengthening their team for they have signed up more players, one in particular by the name of Jones from the other side reputed a first class centre forward. Harry Ross has a great opinion of this player. Of course too much must not be expected from the first appearance. A new player has got to be come accustomed to new surroundings and then again his team and the opposition.

At the Service Building of the American Woolen Company in Lawrence, a meeting was held on Wednesday evening, March 15, attended by representatives of all the teams in the Soccer league.

The matter of the two points claimed by the American Woolen Company was taken up but no decision was arrived at since this question has been laid before the National Secretary by the State Secretary of Massachusetts and no reply from the national body has as yet been received. It is expected, however, that a ruling on this matter will be arrived at at the state meeting, to be held next Sunday and the standing of the American Woolen team in the finals will then be announced.

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